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Applicants :	David Hands, et al.	.
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For :	PROCESS FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF 5[[2(R)-[1(R)- [3,5-BIS(TRIFLUOROMETHYL)PHENYL]ETHOXY]- 3(S)-(4-FLUOROPHENYL)-4-MORPHOLINYL]- METHYL]1,2-DIHYDRO-3H-1,2,4-TRIAZOL-3-ONE	

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

With reference to the Official action of April 11, 2008, made final, for which a response is permitted by July 11, 2008, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks in the hope that they will place the application in condition for allowance or at least in better condition for appeal. Any additional fees associated with this Response may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

The Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this response. Remarks begin on page 6 of this response.